

By 83 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 136), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Combs, Holte, Alston, and Hertling Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m., on Wednesday, June 5, 2019; that following disposition of the nomination of Susan Combs, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, in the order listed; and that if cloture is invoked on those nominations, the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 77 yeas to 16 nays (Vote No. EX. 133), Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—136) Pages S3200–02

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator William Thad Cochran, in accordance with S. Res. 229, at 7:43 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3221.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Christopher J. Scolese, to be Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen, and General John W. Raymond, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Space Command and Commander, Air Force Space Command, who was introduced by Senator Gardner, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

THREATS FROM CHINA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine confronting threats from China, focusing on assessing controls on technology and investment and measures to combat opioid trafficking, including S. 846, to amend title 49, United States Code, to limit certain rolling stock procurements, S. 937, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to require institutions of higher education and other research facilities to obtain deemed export licenses for foreign nationals conducting scientific research at such institutions and facilities, S. 945, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to require certain issuers to disclose to the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding foreign jurisdictions that prevent the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board from performing inspections under that Act, and S. 1044, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign traffickers of illicit opioids, after receiving testimony from Kevin Wolf, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld LLP, Washington, D.C.; Scott Kennedy, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Falls Church, Virginia; and Richard Nephew, Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy, New York, New York.

GRID-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities for the expanded deployment of grid-scale energy storage in the United States, after receiving testimony from George Crabtree, Director, Argonne National Laboratory Joint Center for Energy Storage Research, Department of Energy; F. Mitchell Davidson, Brookfield Renewable, New York, New York; Ben Fowke, Xcel Energy Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota; Kiran Kumaraswamy, Fluence, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Energy Storage Association; and Andrew

L. Ott, PJM Interconnection, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert Wallace, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Enzi, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine advanced nuclear technology, focusing on protecting United States leadership and expanding opportunities for licensing new nuclear energy technologies, after receiving testimony from William D. Magwood, IV, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Nuclear Energy Agency, Paris, France; Chris Levesque, TerraPower, Bellevue, Washington; and Bob Perciasepe, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, Arlington, Virginia.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sensibly reforming the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program, after receiving testimony from Brian Harrell, Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Nathan Anderson, Acting Director, Government Accountability Office; Matthew Fridley, Brenntag North America, Inc., Reading, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Chemical Distributors; Tim O'Brien, Detotec North America, Sterling, Connecticut; William Erny, American Chemistry Council, and John S. Morawetz, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union International Chemical Workers Union Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Andrew S. Wright, International Liquid Terminals Association, Arlington, Virginia.

FENTANYL ANALOGUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fentanyl analogues and the expiring emergency scheduling order, after receiving testimony from Kemp L. Chester, Assistant Director of the National Opioids and Synthetics Coordination Group, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; and Amanda Liskamm, Director, Opioid Enforcement and Prevention Efforts, Office of the Deputy Attorney General, and Greg Cherundolo, Chief of Operations, Office of Global Enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, both of the Department of Justice.

STATE OF PATENT ELIGIBILITY IN AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the state of patent eligibility in America, after receiving testimony from Paul R. Michel, former Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; Q. Todd Dickinson, Polsinelli, PC, Charles Duan, R Street Institute, Michael M. Rosen, American Enterprise Institute, and Patrick Kilbride, United States Chamber of Commerce, all of Washington, D.C.; David J. Kappos, Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP, New York, New York; Jeffrey A. Lefstin, University of California Hastings College of the Law, and Alex H. Moss, Electronic Frontier Foundation, both of San Francisco, California; Robert A. Armitage, IP Strategy and Policy, McLean, Virginia; David O. Taylor, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas; Sherry M. Knowles, Knowles Intellectual Property Strategies, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia; Mark A. Lemley, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; Paul R. Gugliuzza, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Joshua D. Sarnoff, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois; and Adam Mossoff, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.